



Sources of Allergy and Pollen Information

Customers have often been referred to the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC) for information on pollen concentration. We are not a source for this data and we regret any inconvenience it may have caused the many persons who have written or called us regarding this information. The NCDC does not archive any pollen concentration data.

NCDC can provide data on specific climatic conditions throughout the country. This data may be beneficial to persons considering relocation to an area with specific climatic conditions that would alleviate their illnesses.

Your local library may have books containing maps or tables with pollen counts, or you may search for topics under "allergy," "hayfever," or "pollen." Information may also be available from your doctor. A wide range of allergy related topics may be located in the World Wide Web by searching for allergy related topics in a WWW search engine.

Other sources for allergy information are contained below:

The National Allergy Bureau (1-800-9POLLEN)-- The National Allergy Bureau (NAB) is the media reporting section of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI). Pollen counts for specific areas in the US (can be done by zip code) are updated weekly. This service is free of charge. Also available free of charge is the "Pollen and Spores Around the World" Calendar, which highlights the pollen seasons in the US and around the world. Older NAB Annual Reports are available from the AAAAI Executive Office, 611 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI, 53202 (Cost: 1993 or 1994 \$6.00 each; 1995 \$8.00 each), Phone: 414-272-6071, Fax 414-276-3349, WWW: <http://www.aaaai.org/patpub/nab/index.html>

American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (414-272-6071)-- A number of brochures are available for a wide range of allergy and asthma subjects. There is a fee associated with these publications. For more information, contact AAAAI, Public Education Materials, 611 East Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202-3889, Phone: 414-272-6071, WWW: <http://www.aaaai.org> The AAAAI also maintains a Physician Referral and Information Line, Phone: 1-800-822-2762.

The Allergy and Asthma Network/Mothers of Asthmatics, Inc. (1-800-878-4403)-- The Allergy and Asthma Network/Mothers of Asthmatics, is a patient/family support group through the mail. A \$25.00 per year membership fee provides members with educational materials (book/brochure listings, monthly newsletters, treatment information) and a marketplace network for medical supplies needed for treatment of allergy/asthma related illnesses. You may also write for more information at the Allergy and Asthma Network/Mothers of Asthmatics, Inc., 3554 Chain Bridge Road, Ste 200, Fairfax, VA, 22030. WWW: <http://www.podi.com/health/aanma/index.html>

Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (1-800-7ASTHMA)--a free information packet is available which contains information to aid Adults, Teens, or Children suffering from allergies or asthma. You may reach them by calling the above number.